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In re Application of :
Richard F. Stockel et al :
Application No. 10/813,462 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 30, 2004 :
For: FOUNTAIN SOLUTIONS :
CONTAINING ANTIPILING :
MACROMOLECULES :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed December 19, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." This is **not** a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely pay the issue and publication fees on or before October 20, 2005, as required by the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due, mailed July 20, 2006. Accordingly, the date of abandonment of this application is October 21, 2005. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on February 8, 2007, subsequent to the filing of the present petition to revive.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required by 37 CFR 1.137(d). Where there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR

1.137 was unintentional, the Director may require additional information. See MPEP 711.03(c)(II)(C). The instant petition fails to satisfy item (3).

The statement of delay is not acceptable. In this regard, petitioner's attention is directed to 37 CFR 1.33(b), which states.

(b) Amendments and other papers. Amendments and other papers, except for written assertions pursuant to § 1.27(c)(2)(ii) of this part, filed in the application must be signed by:

(1) A registered patent attorney or patent agent of record appointed in compliance with § 1.32(b);

(2) A registered patent attorney or patent agent not of record who acts in a representative capacity under the provisions of § 1.34;

(3) An assignee as provided for under § 3.71(b) of this chapter; or

(4) All of the applicants (§ 1.41(b)) for patent, unless there is an assignee of the entire interest and such assignee has taken action in the application in accordance with § 3.71 of this chapter.

An unsigned amendment (or other paper) or one not properly signed by a person having authority to prosecute the application is not entered. This applies, for instance, where the amendment (or other paper) is signed by only one of two applicants and the one signing has not been given a power of attorney by the other applicant.

Therefore, as the petition is not signed by all the applicants and the record herein fails to disclose that petitioner herein (Richard E. Stockel) was ever given a power of attorney to act on behalf of co-applicant Michael Chester, or that he is an assignee of the entire interest and has complied with the provisions of 37 CFR 3.73(b), the petition is considered to not contain a proper statement of unintentional delay.

Accordingly, a renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) signed by both inventors with a statement that "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional" must be submitted. Additionally, the Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal form should also be signed by both applicants.

It is further noted that all of the communications submitted to the Office were not signed by both applicants. Accordingly, a statement must be submitted and signed by both applicants which ratifies all of the communications submitted in this application signed solely by applicant Richard F. Stockel.


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